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INTRODUCTION

This is in response to the Office Action mailed on July 28, 2003, and further in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed October 27, 2003. The Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment objected to Applicant's failure to list canceled claims 13-34 in the Amendment filed October 17, 2003, which oversight is corrected herein. This Substitute Amendment is otherwise identical to the Amendment filed October 17, 2003. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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